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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a distinctive notification of an email arrival to a telephone customer premises equipment, said method comprising:
 - receiving a message on an application server, said message including at least an email addressee;
 - looking up the email addressee in a database to identify at least a ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and a distinctive ring tone associated with the email addressee;
 - retrieving a the distinctive ring tone from multiple ring tones associated with the called party's directory number, the distinctive ring tone selected by the email addressee to provide a distinct notification despite different email addresses associated with the called party's directory number;
 - sending an instruction from the application server, said instruction including at least the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and the distinctive ring tone;
 - causing a network node to initiate a call to the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number; and
 - sending a signal to the telephone customer premises equipment to provide the distinctive notification to the email addressee of the email arrival.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone customer premises equipment comprises a telephone device.
3. (Cancel)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone customer premises equipment comprises a caller-id display device.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the signal comprises a text message for display on the caller-id display device.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of looking up the email addressee in a database further comprises identifying a user name associated with the email addressee.
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13. (Cancel)
14. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a distinctive notification of an email arrival to a telephone customer premises equipment, said method comprising:

receiving a message on an application server, said message including at least an email addressee;

looking up the email addressee in a database to identify at least a ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and a distinctive ring tone associated with the email addressee;

retrieving a the distinctive ring tone from multiple ring tones associated with the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number, the distinctive ring tone selected by the email addressee to provide a distinct notification despite different email addresses associated with the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number;

sending an instruction, said instruction including at least the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and the distinctive ring tone, from the application server to a network node capable of initiating a telephone call; and

causing the network node to initiate the telephone call to the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number.
15. (Cancel)
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of sending the instruction comprises sending a code indicating the distinctive ring tone for the call.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of looking up the email addressee in the database further comprises identifying a user name associated with the email addressee.
18. (Cancel)
19. (Previously Presented) A system for delivering a distinctive notification of an email arrival, said system comprising:
- a server receiving a message, the message including at least an email addressee;
 - a database looking up the email addressee to identify a ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and a distinctive ring tone associated with the email addressee, the distinctive ring tone one of multiple ring tones associated with the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number, the distinctive ring tone selected by the email addressee to provide a distinct notification despite different email addresses associated with the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number; and
 - a network node receiving the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number and the distinctive ring tone in an instruction to initiate a call to the ~~subscriber~~ called party's directory number,
- wherein the call provides the distinctive notification of the arrival of the email.
20. (Cancel)
21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the instruction comprises a text message for display on a caller-id display device.
22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the database also identifies a user name associated with the email addressee.

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23. (Cancel)
24. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a mail server receiving the email.